

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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Caltrans Begins Work in the Median for Phase 2

Caltrans is making steady progress on Phase 2 of the Interstate 215 Widening Project. Work continues on the retaining walls near the northbound off ramp at Inland Center Drive and Orange Show Road.

Work began in the median as the contractors prepared to pave and stripe. When completed, traffic will move into the median as crews continue work on the shoulders. Motorists should be alert to road changes as new lane alignments will be made.

One important reminder is the permanent closure of the northbound Mill Street on ramp. Alternate routes motorists can use are Second Street or Inland Center Drive. Please allow additional time when traveling through the construction zones and pay close attention while work is performed in the median as construction crews will be entering and exiting through the cement barriers (k-rail).

Positive feedback and comments are received at the monthly meetings between Caltrans, the local merchants and emergency workers. These monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at the Caltrans office located at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino.

For planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2 visit www.caltrans8.info. For your safety and the safety of the workers, please SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS.**



The I-215 Widening Project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.



Construction Crews Complete 5th Street Bridge Structure

The 5th Street bridge construction site had big changes during the month of May. Crews placed a temporary bridge structure and large steel beams across the entire I-215 during recent full freeway closures, allowing residents and commuters to view the new bridge taking shape.



In addition, bridge ends, or abutments, on the southern half of the bridge were built to accommodate the structure's new height. Crews also began placing reinforced steel to increase stability for the newly created bridge.

Crews placed wooden structure and steel beams to create the façade of the southern half of the 5th Street bridge.

During the month of June, crews will wrap up placing reinforced steel and begin removing the temporary bridge structure, which was erected in April. Work in the middle of the month may require full freeway closures. Further information on the closures will be distributed via email and posted on signs throughout the project area.

Street improvements at 5th, H and J Streets also will continue in June and the coming months, with freeway and street closures issued as necessary.

A Look Ahead...

The 5th Street bridge project is more than halfway complete and the southern part of the I-215 expansion is well-underway, making room for future expansion to begin next year.

Construction beginning at Rialto Avenue to University Parkway on I-215 is scheduled to begin summer 2009. These phases will include the addition of two lanes, one carpool and one general use, in each direction. Auxiliary lanes will be included at some on- and off-ramps to create safer access for drivers entering and exiting the freeway.

One of the most popular aspects of the project is the I-215/SR-210 flyover ramps that will eliminate drivers from using surface streets to connect to Route 210 and I-215. The expected completion date of the I-215 Widening Project is summer 2013.

SANBAG and Caltrans continue to schedule presentations for organizations, schools, government agencies and other entities to inform the community of the project. To schedule a meeting, please call the I-215 helpline at 877-215-NEWS.